Violation of DPCO

1092. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the violation of DPCO, by selling the products in the name of Small Scale Company, by some big Pharmaceutical Companies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against the companies for violation of DPCO?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) Vide Notification No. S.O. 134(E) dated the 2nd March, 1995, issued under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) small scale units are exempted from the operation of paragraph 8 of the DPCO' 95, subject to the conditions specified in the said notification. As and when reports regarding marketing of scheduled formulations by organized sector units, which are manufactured by SSI units without seeking price approval under the DPCO' 95, are received by the NPPA, it takes appropriate action, which is an ongoing process.

Closure of Sick Fertilizer Units

1093. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of fertilizer units in the country, declared sick during the last three years;

(b) the names of fertilizer units that would be closed during the next three years; and

(c) whether self-sufficiency of the country in fertilizer production would be affected by their closing down; if so, to what extent and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), Projects and Development India Ltd. (PDIL) were declared sick by the Board for Industrial